அவற்றைப் பெற்று கலெக்டர் அவர்களிடம் பரிசீலனைக்காகக் கொடுத்து உடனடியாகக் கவனிக்கவேண்டுமென்று அவர்கள் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்கள். அப்படிக் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட விண்ணப்பங்கள் கவனக்குறைவால தவறவிடப் பட்டிருந்தால், அவைகளை அவர்களிடமிருந்து திரும்பப் பெற்று நட வடிக்கை எடுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அதை வரவழைத்துப் பார்த்து அதில் சொன்ன விஷயங்கள்கூட நடந்திருக்கின்றன என்றுதான் இப்போது பதில் சொன்னேன்.

Insecticides

* 18 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that insecticides like D.D.T. have been included in the schedule of poison; and

(*b*) if so, whether police licence is necessary for the sale of such insecticides?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) D.D.T. has not been included in the schedule to the rules under the Poisons Act, 1919. Parathion and Tetraethyl Pyrophosphate are the two insecticides included in the schedule.

(*b*) Licences are necessary only for the two insecticides indcluded in the schedule.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it a fact that the police authorities insist on some of the pharmacists to obtain licences for sale of these insecticides?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : If they had done so in the past, this answer would clarify the position.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, may I know what are the steps taken by the Government to see that these insecticides are not sold by the hawkers in the streets, which causes deaths by the people taking bug poison and so on?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, there are certain insecticides which are classified as poison and these things cannot be sold without a licence. If people are selling these insecticides classified as poisonous without a licence they will be prosecuted. Public co-operation will be welcome in this behalf.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the number of cases reported in the newspapers of people dying taking this poison, have the Government at least taken sufficient steps to see that such things are prohibited?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I do not understand the question. Does the hon. Member say that these poisons should not be sold at all? They are insecticides and they have got to be sold for *bona fide* persons who want to use them to kill the germs. Therefore, no inference can be drawn from the fact that some people have taken them and died.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government taken steps to see that hawkers do not sell these things exhibiting posters and other things in the streets?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is exactly what I said before. They have to obtain licences and if they do not obtain the necessary licence, they are liable to prosecution. If particular instances are brought to the notice of the Government, Government will take steps to prosecute them.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it not a fact that the cases that were reported in the daily press, were cases of suicide intentionally committed by certain persons taking these poisons and not because they are sold by those persons? Can anybody prevent men committing suicide?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I have not investigated these cases.

Power-looms

• 19 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start training centres for weavers to work on power-looms; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) There is no proposal to start training centres for power-loom weaving.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : There were some perss reports in which it was stated that the Government have decided to start training centres for weavers to work on power-looms. May I know whether it is not correct?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : So far as the policy with regard to the power-looms is concerned, no decision has been taken. If the decision is taken to introduce power-looms, then the question of having training centres would arise. As it is, there is no proposal to start training centres.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : It is not a fact that the Government have decided to start power-looms in place of handlooms in some of the co-operative societies and htat they have called for applications from the co-operative societies in this regard?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, that is true. In our Plan we made provision for introduction of 2,500 power-looms, but since then the handloom interest has represented to the Government of India, and the Government of India have decided not to encourage power-looms. That is the position. So far as this State is concerned, the matter is still under examination by the Government.